

## Milwaukee County

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## GREEN PRINT CONTINUES TO SAVE BIG GREEN FOR MILWAUKEE COUNTY

**Milwaukee, WI** – The County Board's Parks, Energy & Environment Committee received an update this week on the energy savings and environmentally-friendly upgrades made possible by the "Green Print" legislation, which was authored by Supervisor Dimitrijevic and unanimously adopted by the County Board.

"I thank my colleagues for their continued support of the Green Print. These improvements are saving tax dollars and reducing operating costs at a number of County facilities," said Supervisor Dimitrijevic.

The report highlighted recent improvements, including:

- General Mitchell International Airport High efficiency lighting, Purchased two more Compressed Natural Gas-fueled shuttle buses (on pace to save \$90,000 per year in fuel costs). Incorporating LEED standards as part of Mitchell International's Baggage Claim project, including natural lighting, high-efficiency light fixtures, water-conserving restroom fixtures, green roof, water-efficient landscaping, and recycled construction materials, and recycling demolition waste
- Milwaukee Public Museum installation of a modular green roof
- Milwaukee County Zoo High-tech skylights installed at Primate House
- Mitchell Park Domes New sustainable features in Green Entry Landscaping project (replaced reflective pools with planting beds and diverting rainwater collected from the rooftops of the domes for irrigation)
- Milwaukee County Sports Complex Pervious pavement installed at the parking lot
- Washington Park Senior Center Installation of solar hot water system

Since 2008, Milwaukee County has received over \$600,000 in grants and Federal Stimulus funds to implement portions of our Green Print, which will lead to even more opportunities to reduce our environmental footprint, save tax dollars and preserve assets for future generations.

"These savings show that, by going green, we can save green," Supervisor Dimitrijevic added. "We have already achieved nearly \$10 million in energy savings upgrades to Milwaukee County's infrastructure."